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SUBJ: AGGREY CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT SENGHOR

1. SUMMARY: DURING FAST MOVING, WIDE RANGING TOUR D' HORIZON, PRESIDENT SENGHOR ON MAY 12 REVIEWED WITH AFW DIRECTOR AGGREY VARIETY OF INTERNATIONAL ISSUES AND BILATERAL MATTERS, RUNNING FROM CAMBODIA AND THE MIDDLE EAST, THROUGH VARIOUS AFRICAN AFFAIRS, TO AMERICAN INVESTMENT AND OTHER ASPECTS US- SENEGALESE RELATIONS. IN RESPONDING, AGGREY EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR CURRENT US- SENEGALESE SOUND RELATIONS, EXPLAINED US VIEWS AND POSITION ON POINTS OF DIFFERENCE AND DISCUSSED US EFFORTS TO ASSIST SENEGAL IN DEALING WITH DROUGHT EMERGENCY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

2. PRESIDENT SENGHOR RECEIVED AGGREY AND AMBASSADOR FOR 40 MINUTE MEETING SATURDAY MORNING AT END OF BUSY WEEK WHICH INCLUDED RETURN FROM OCAM MEETING AND OFFICIAL VISIT PRINCE SIHANOUK. SAVING PLEASE-CONFIDENTIAL

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ANTRIES FOR CLOSE OF CONVERSATION, SENGHOR IMMEDIATELY LAUNCHED INTO TYPICAL FASCINATING " STREAM OF CONSCIOUSNESS" MONOLOGUE, COVERING MATTERS UPPERMOST IN HIS MIND AT MOMENT AND OBVIOUSLY NUMBER POINTS HE WISHED TO MAKE TO AMERICAN OFFICIALS. HE BEGAN WITH EXPRESSION HIS

CONCERN THAT ARAB DETERMINATION PARTICIPATE IN SECOND WORLD FESTIVAL OF NEGRO ERTS THREATENED PLANNED ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS EVENT (WHICH IS CLOSE TO SENGHOR' S HEART). SEE SEPTTEL.

3. AGAINST BACKDROP SIHANOUK VISIT AND EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY ACCORDED HIS STATEMENTS, SENGHOR IMPLIED CRITICISM OF US ROLE IN CAMBODIA AND ATTITUDE TOWARD PRINCE, ALTHOUGH HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD OUR REASONS. (SIHANOUK HAD ASSERTED DAY BEFORE THAT " REGIME OF LON NOL EXISTS ONLY BY THE GRACE OF WASHINGTON.") AT SAME TIME HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT US COULD PLAY MORE HELPFUL AND CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN RECONCILING OPPOSING SIDES IN CAMBODIA. ASSERTING THAT HE TOOK NEUTRAL POSITION AND EXERTED

HIS EFFORTS IN EIRECTION OF RECONCILIATION, HE BELIEVED THAT US COULD ASSIST TOWARD SAME OBJECTIVE. HE INDICATED THAT SIHANOUK HOPED US WOULD CEASE MILITARY ACTION, WHICH COULD LEAD TO NEGOTIATION AND SETTLEMENTS, AS HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED ELSEWHERE. SIHANOUK HAD PROPOSED THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF HIS RERIME AND USG CONFER TOGETHER AND DISCUSS

MEANS OF ENDING FIGHTING AND REESTABLISHMENT OF INDEPENDENCE, UNITY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. REAFFIRMING HIS OWN GENERAL BELIEF IN RECONCILIATION THROUGH DIALOGUE, SENGHOR SAID THAT HE HAS ATTEMPTED ACHIEVE THIS ON NUMBER OF ISSUES, INCLUDING EFFORTS TO TALK TO PORTUGUESE OVER GUINEA BISSAU ISSUE AND PEACE INITIATIVES IN MIDDLE EAST. HE OBSERVED, HOWEVER, THAT HE AND OTHER LEADERS MUST MAINTAIN OWN INTEGRITY AND INDEPENDENCE IN ORDER PLAY MODERATING ROLES. (SIHANOUK HAD SAID YESTERDAY " CAMBODIA WILL COME BACK SOON THANKS TO SENEGAL, A FREE COUNTRY." HE IMPLIED THAT PART OF THIS ROLE ALSO INVOLVED SUPPORT OF REGI MU STRUGGLING FOR INDEPENDENCE AND SAID THAT SIHANOUK JOINED WITH AFRICAN LEADERS, FOR EXAMPLE, IN SUPPORT OF PAIGC. SENGHOR FELT HIS OWN DIALOGUE WITH SPINOLA HAD FOUNDERED BECAUSE THE IDEA OF A GRADUAL TIMETABLE FOR INDEPENDENCE OF PORTUOUESE TERRITORIES WITHIN A LUSITANIAN UNION WHICH HE SAID BOTH SPINOLA AND CAETANO HAD ACCEPTED, WAS SACRIFICED BY CAETANO IN HIS AMBITION TO BECOME CHIEF OF STATE.

4. ON FORTHCOMING OAU SUMMIT, SENGHOR SAID QADHAFT' S PROPOSAL OF MOVING CAPITAL FROM ADDIS ABABA TO CAIRO TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE. WHILE
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SENEGAL SOUGHT PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO ARAB- ISRAELI CRISIS THAT PROBLEM WAS MORE A MIDDLE EAST THAN AFRICAN ISSUE AND SHOULD NOT DOMINATE OAU DELIBERATIONS. ON FATAH OFFICE IN DAKAR, HE SAID HE APPRECIATED US CONCERNS IN VIEW OF RECENT EVENTS IN KHARTOUM AND BEIRUT, BUT HE COULD ASSURE US ACTIVITIES PALESTINIANS WERE UNDER CLOSE SURVEILLANCE HE CITED RECENT CASE OF GOS ARREST OF ARABS WHO SMASHED CHAIRS IN DAKAR RESTAURANT WHERE THEY CLAIMED ANTI ARAB SONGS WERE BEING PLAYED. HE INFORMED PALESTINIANS VIOLENCE WOULD NOT BE TOLERATED. IF THEY HAD LEGITIMATE COMPLAINTS THEY SHOULD PURSUE THESE THROUGH PROPER LEGAL CHANNELS.

5. PROCEEDING FROM HIS VIEWS ON THE NECESSITY OF MAINTAINING INDEPENDENCE AND INTEGRITY AND IN DEFENSE OF GOS ATTITUDE TOWARD PAIGC,

SENGHOR WENT ON TO WHAT HE REGARDED AS THREAT TO HIM AND HIS INDEPENDENT VIEWS. HE REFERRED TO RUMORS THAT CHEIK FALL, PRESIDENT OF AIR AFRIQUE AAS WORKING TO OPPOSE HIM. HE SAID FALL CLAIMED HE WAS RECEIVING ENCOURAGEMENT IN THIS

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DIRECTION FROM UNITED STATES AND FROM THE ART. THERFORE SENGHOR HAD TAKEN STEPS WITH IVORIAN PRESEIDENT HOUPHOUET BOIGNY TO HAVE FALL REMOVED FROM PRESENT JOB. HE WOULD ACCEPT AN IVORIAN ES AIR AFRIQUE PRESIDENT IF A SENEGALESE WERE GIVEN SECOND RANKING POSITION.

6. PRESIDENT SPOKE OF IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHES TO POSSIBILITIES OF INCREASED AMERICAN TRADE AND INVESTMENT. HE SAID HE REALIZED US FINANCIAL PROBLEMS HAD DECREASED POSSIBILITY DIRECT USG AID, BUT HE WAS ENCOURAGED BY PRIVATE INITIATIVES. HE HOPED FOR AMERICAN HELP IN DEVELOPMENT OF NEW OIL REFINERY AND IMPORTATION OF ITS PRODUCTS INTO UNITED STATES. HE WAS PLEASED WITH PRELIMINARY WORK OF BOEING CORP IN DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM COMPLEX ON PETIT COTE. HE WAS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT TWO LANG PROJECTS FOR DEVELOPMENT CATTLE RANCHING AND RICE GROWING. RELATED TO MUCH OF SENEGAL'S DEVELOPMENT, WAS THE QUESTION OF WATER AND BUILDING OF DAMS ON THE SENEGAL RIVER.

7. SENGHOR THEN REITERATED HIS STRONG DESIRE THAT PRESIDENT NIXON
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VISIT SENEGAL OF RUMORED FORTHCOMING TRIP TO AFRICA. ASSERTED HE WAS FRANKLY DISAPPOINTED THAT MRS NIXON DID NOT STOP IN DAKAR, ALTHOUGH HE REALIZED " SENEGAL IS JUST A LITTLE COUNTRY."

8. AFTER PATIENTLY HEARING PRESIDENT OUT, AGGREY RESPONDED TO NUMBER OF POINTS EN SERRATUM. HE CAREFULLY STATED OUR POLICY OF RECOGNITION OF KHMER REPUBLIC AND NON RECOGNITION SIHANOUK REGIME. REGARDING CHEIK FALL, HE TOLD PRESIDENT THAT HE COULD ASSURE HIM CATEGORICALLY THAT US RELATIONSHIPS WITH FALL WERE PURELY COMMERCIAL INVOLVING PURCHASE OF US BUILT PLANES. US DID NOT OPPOSE SENGHOR REGIME AND CERTAINLY DID NOT SEEK TO SUBVERT IT. (EMBASSY HAD MADE SAME POINT IN PAST IN RESPONSE TO INDIRECT QUERIES FROM SENGHOR.) AS HE KNEW, OUR RELATIONS ARE VERY GOOD AND CONSTANTLY IMPROVING. ON DEVELOPMENT FRONT, AGGREY SAID HE PLEASED TO VISIT IN FORM OF NEW COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS SPRINGING UP IN DAKAR. REVIEWING CURRENT EFFORTS IN DROUGHT EMERGENCY AND STATUS US GRAIN SHIPMENTS HE SAID US IS ENDEAVORING TO ASSIST SENEGAL WITHIN THE LIMITS OF OUR MEANS IN AID FIELDS. AS FOR PRESIDENT NIXON'S POSSIBLE TRIP TO AFRICA AGGREY SAID SENEGAL'S DESIRE THAT HE VISIT DAKAR HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF WHITE HOUSE. AGGREY ALSO COMPLIMENTED SENGHOR ON REELECTION OF PRESIDENCY OF OCAM. (PRESIDENT SMILED WRYLY AND SHRUGGED, AND IN SUMMATION HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR GOOD RELATIONS EXISTING BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES.

9. AMBASSADOR TOOK ADVANTAGE OF MEETING TO MENTION TWO PENDING MATTERS: A. HE LAID GROUNDWORK FOR DEMARCHE ON QUESTION OF SECURITY COUNCIL CONTINUATION OF UN SEC GENERAL'S MANDATE TO CONTINUE TO SEEK SOLUTION TO PROBLEM OF NAMIBIA, RELEGATED THIS SUBJECT TO POSSIBILITY

OF IT BEING DISCUSSED AT FORTHCOMING OAU MEETING. B. HE ALSO CONFIRMED WILLINGNESS OF SENGHOR TO ACCEPT FROM AMBASSADOR CITATION TO HONORARY MEMBERSHIP IN NATIONAL ACADEMY OF ARTS AND LETTERS AND NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ARTS AND LETTERS. CONCURRING WITH REQUEST OF ACADEMY AND INSTITUTE THAT AMBASSADOR ON THEIR BEHALF TRY TO MAKE PRESENTATION SAME DAY AS NEW YORK CEREMONY, MAY 16, SENGHOR FIXED DATE FOR MORNING OF THAT DAY. WITH CONSIDERABLE ENTHUSIASM HE SAID PRIME MINISTER AND OTHER MINISTERS WOULD BE ON HAND AND HE WOULD ARRANGE FOR TV COVERAGE AND PHOTOS. (SENGHOR DID MENTION THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME THOUGHT OF HIS ACCEPTING THE CITATION ON A POSSIBLE PRIVATE TRIP TO THE STATES, BUT HE HAD NO IMMEDIATE PLANS FOR A VISIT, AND HENCE APPEARED HAPPY TO ACCEPT A DAKAR PRESENTATION.)
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